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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

The present Request For Reconsideration is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, along with the corresponding fee under §1.17(e), and an Information Disclosure Statement. Prosecution in the instant application was closed by a Notice of Allowance mailed on November 4, 2003.

REMARKS

Prosecution in the instant application was closed by a Notice of Allowance mailed on November 4, 2003; claims 1-38 and 41-43 have been allowed. A Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is being filed herewith along with an Information Disclosure Statement, so that the references listed in the Information Disclosure Statement may be considered by the Examiner.

Please charge the fee of \$710.00 for filing a Request for Continued Examination under Rule 1.17(e), to the Deposit Account No. 08-2336. For this reason this Petition is submitted in duplicate. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the Deposit Account No. 08-2336.

Respectfully submitted,

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